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Forced labor was used to build the aluminum factory in Inota. Approximately 100 high ranking political prisoners were used in construction of this factory in 1955. The only Hungarian copper mine at Reek had a camp for these high ranking officials. Prisoners who had other skills could do work within the mine after it was completed. These prisoners received certain privileges. They received about 80% of the wage received by a common laborer. They were allowed to smoke and if they worked well and had a good conduct rating they could be paroled after serving one-third of their time. Forty percent of their wage was deducted for food, the remainder had to be sent home. Most of the prisoners preferred work to sitting in a prison.

A. It was approximately 1,000 meters square. A four or five-meter barbed wire fence enclosed the entire camp. If I remember correctly, there were at least six towers where guards were stationed day and night. In addition each tower had flood lights.

A. A factory was being built in Reesk. The workers there were heavily guarded because of their political views.

A. Yes. When the project is completed the prisoners are either returned to prison or transferred to another project. A great problem arises because none of the prisoners can be used for indoor work even though many are specialists.

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5. Are there any labor camps for deportees, like concentration camps, which are permanent?

I haven't heard of any such camps. There were rumors that the younger deportees were sent outside the country -- probably to the USSR or a place near USSR. The plan was to send them away from the western boundaries and minimize the possibility of escape.

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